

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Previously Amended) The ^{13}C -labeled oligosaccharide or polysaccharide or a salt thereof according to claim 5, which is not hydrolyzable with α -glucosidase.

5. (Previously Amended) A ^{13}C -labeled oligosaccharide or polysaccharide, or a salt thereof comprising:

^{13}C -cyclodextrin or at least one sugar molecule constituting the-oligosaccharide or polysaccharide being modified with at least one modifying group,

wherein said sugar molecule or modifying group is ^{13}C -labeled, and said modifying group is selected from a group consisting of a galactosyl group, a digalactosyl group, an alkoxyl group, a carbamoyl group, a pyrimidino group, an ethylidene group, and a benzylidene group.

7. (Previously Amended) The ^{13}C -labeled oligosaccharide or polysaccharide or a salt thereof according to claim 5, which is a cyclic oligosaccharide or polysaccharide.

8. (Currently Amended) The ^{13}C -labeled oligosaccharide or polysaccharide or a salt thereof according to claim 6~~5~~, which is modified at the non-reducing terminal.

9. (Previously Amended) The ^{13}C -labeled oligosaccharide or polysaccharide or a salt thereof according to claim 5, which is a ^{13}C -cyclodextrin or β -galactosyl- ^{13}C -maltooligosaccharide.